

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 296*  
*DR. ELIJAH H. HANKERSON III*

***WHEREAS*, Dr. Elijah H. Hankerson III is the founder of the Institute of Ministerial Excellence and Training (IMET). His ecclesiastical training was under Bishop T. L. Westbrook and the late Bishop E. Harris Moore; and**

***WHEREAS*, Dr. Hankerson earned the BA in Biblical Studies and Sociology; the MA in Theological Studies; and the Doctorate of Divinity. He serves on staff with Joyce Meyer Ministries and served as one of the “12 Priests” of Juanita Bynum Ministries. Dr. Hankerson is the founder and Senior Pastor of the Life Center International Church, Inc., of Saint Louis, Missouri under the auspices of the Missouri Eastern First Jurisdiction, Bishop R. J. Ward, prelate; and**

***WHEREAS*, in the Jurisdiction, Dr. Hankerson serves as the Public Relations Chairman, and a member of the ordination board. Dr. Hankerson also serves on various boards in the community, including: Executive Board Member of the St. Louis Clergy Coalition, where he is Director of Youth and Family Services; Executive Board Member of Gateway Kingdom Ministries; and member of the Monthly Clergy meeting with Mayor Francis Slay. Prior to founding Life Center, Dr. Hankerson founded and pastored the Christ Temple C.O.G.I.C., which later merged with Timmons Temple C.O.G.I.C., both of Springfield, Missouri; and**

***WHEREAS*, Dr. Hankerson has an effective television and radio program, reaching thousands weekly; and**

***WHEREAS*, he is married to the lovely, Evangelist Rachel L. Hankerson, and they have three beautiful children: Elijah IV, Raquel and Matthew.**

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Dr. Elijah H. Hankerson III for his outstanding contributions to our City, and we direct the Clerk of the Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.**

**Introduced on the 14th day of December, 2007 by:**

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 17th Ward**

**Adopted this the 14th day of December, 2007 as attested by:**

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**Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**

